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Chirac trails but wins Barre endorsement; Le Pen vote unexpectedly high

Mitterrand in sweeping first round victory

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

The run-off in the French presidential election on May 8 will pit M Francois Mitterrand against M Jacques Chirac. Within minutes of the polling booths closing last night, computer projections for the first ballot gave the President about 54 per cent of the vote, while his conservative Prime Minister scored slightly below 20 per cent.



Men with a mission: M Chirac, left, in Sarraon, and President Mitterrand, at Chateau-Chinon, casting their votes in the first round of the election yesterday.

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IN PART 2 Cup win for Luton Luton Town won the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley yesterday when they defeated Arsenal 3-2 with a last-minute goal from Brian Stein.

Cooper wins Derrick Cooper of Britain won the Madrid Open golf tournament yesterday with a one-shot victory.

Shearson plan Shearson Lehman, the US investment bank, is behind plans for a takeover of Storehouse, the Habitat, BHS and Mothercare group headed by Sir Terence Conran.

Opec attack Dr Rihwani Lukman, the Opec president, is expected to attack Britain's oil cartel and order North Sea output cuts to lift world prices.

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New Caledonia violence 8 Photograph 8 combined challenge from the right. Among the minor candidates, the official communist, M Andre Lajoie was unable to prevent a further plunge in the party's vote, finishing with about 7 per cent, halving the Communist vote of 1981.

In spite of the lack of any deep political divides between the main contenders, the overall turnout, at approximately 83 per cent, was slightly higher than after the intensely ideological campaign of 1981. This was particularly true of the big cities, Paris, Lyons, Marseille, Bordeaux and Toulon, all reported significant increases in turnout.

Good-natured queues were soon building up outside polling stations around the country - although not in the tiny community of Darney-aux-Chenes in the Vosges, where a fire at the municipal office forced 38 people to cast their

Lawson revives sterling dispute By Philip Webster and David Smith The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday revived his dispute with the Prime Minister over exchange rate policy.

Mr Lawson rebuked Mrs Thatcher for public statements on the pound last month and repeated his reluctance to see sterling rise further.

His comments, with an all-party committee of MPs due to back the Prime Minister's line in a report out today, seem certain to turn the spotlight back on the high-level rift over the pound.

Although Mr Lawson said the argument was now "behind us", his remarks in a BBC television interview raised further questions about the long-term relations between the Chancellor and Mrs Thatcher.

In his first detailed comments on the row, Mr Lawson

Threat of sanctions over Budd dropped By John Goodbody Sports News Correspondent The implied threat to bar British athletes from competing at the Olympic Games in Seoul has been withdrawn by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in the latest twist in the saga of Miss Zola Budd.

The British Amateur Athletic Board, which yesterday decided to set up a three-man inquiry into the eligibility of the South African-born runner, confirmed that the final version of the resolution of the IAAF council, which was passed nine days ago, did not contain any threat to suspend Britain.

The IAAF, the athletics world governing body, originally issued a statement recommending that Britain should consider a 12-month suspension of Miss Budd, otherwise "the council will have to consider exercising its suspensive powers against the BAAB."

BA cuts fares on some Euro routes By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent British Airways is today cutting fares on some European routes by up to 25 per cent in a move which could spark a price war and put Europe's liberalization plans to an early test.

The reductions, which affect only the cheapest available seats and not business class, will go on immediate sale to passengers wanting late bookings to 19 European cities from Gatwick. Fares from Heathrow are unchanged.

BA says it is making the cuts to fill empty seats, to focus attention on Gatwick and its new north terminal and to test European resolve to allow cheaper fares to be introduced within the EEC.

Rivals see it as a cynical attempt to meet competition now being offered by Air Europe and others from Gatwick and to present a good competitive face before a series of hearings to share out

Thatcher under pressure Ministers seek benefits deal to head off rebels By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent The Government is poised to make concessions this week in an attempt to pacify a growing number of Conservative backbenchers who are concerned about the new social security benefit system.

With another large backbench revolt expected in the Commons tonight on the third reading of the community charge Bill, ministers are to attempt to persuade the Prime Minister that significant changes are needed to head off a damaging rebellion on Wednesday criticizing the new housing benefit rules.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, is understood to have accepted the case for raising the £6,000 savings limit above which pensioners lose their benefit.

Rebel grumblers 2 Nicholas Scott and Mr Michael Portillo, who have been at the receiving end of the Conservative anxiety, were yesterday studying anomalies thrown up by the system.

Last night, a senior government source said it highly likely that concessions would be announced during the debate but that their extent would depend on this week's meetings.

Conservative MPs pressing Concessions being consid-

P&O set to sack striking seamen By Tim Jones As P&O European Ferries prepared yesterday to break the back of the three-month strike by resuming cross-Channel services from Dover, members of the National Union of Seamen were accused of threatening the children of employees who have accepted new terms and conditions.

The allegation, by Mr Graeme Dunlop, came as the company announced that employees who have not signed will now receive their dismissal notices in Tuesday morning's post, "thus severing all connections with the company". From today the company will advertise nationally to fill the other vacancies.

Kent police, who are investigating the allegations, have also drawn up plans to deal with a threatened mass picket of the port directed against crewmen and officers who have agreed to man vessels from Rotterdam, where they have been berthed since the strike began.

The first of the ferries from Rotterdam could arrive in Dover later this week and today members of the French communist-led CGT union are expected in the port to

BA cuts fares on some Euro routes (continued)

former British Caledonian routes start at the Civil Aviation Authority this week.

Flying BA from Gatwick to Paris now costs £65 instead of £86. The lower fares are available for six weeks, for a maximum stay of three days. They must be paid for and used within two days of purchase.

Mr Charles Powell, marketing director of Air Europe, said last night: "It is clearly a gimmick and a very short-term offer designed to answer criticisms that British Airways is not interested in reducing prices from Gatwick."

Although it is virtually certain the Civil Aviation Authority will approve BA's cuts, attempts to block them may be made in Europe, where air fare liberalization is not an important political issue.

Air miss reports "alarmist" page 2

Pop go the prices as Warhol mania grips sale Londoner into media stardom simply because he paraded up and down the aisles sporting a black sequined suit and a huge mohawk hair style.

Pursued by a posse of photographers and cameramen, Mr Mait Belgrano handed out postcards of himself, saying he was a British media celebrity. "Andy and I... we've got this similar crave for fame," he said.

On Saturday, the hammer of Mr John Marston, Sotheby's American boss, banged down on \$5.3 million (£2.8 million) worth of sales of art deco and art nouveau items, more than twice the house's most optimistic expectations. A 1930 gold, silver and enamel ring by Jean Despres, for example, went for \$28,000 after an estimate of \$1,800 to \$2,500.

The New York auction proved a perfect platform for those in search of their 15 minutes of celebrity. In particular, American television and newspapers hoisted a 19-year-old

Pop go the prices as Warhol mania grips sale (continued)

the Visual Arts Foundation to which he directed the bulk of his estate. It is estimated to be worth about \$100 million, one of the largest for an American artist in history. Warhol died after surgery at the age of 59 early last year.

The auctions end on May 3 with the sale of contemporary masters, including Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Man Ray, Jackson Pollock and Cy Twombly.

While the experts try to decide whether Warhol was a great artist or a clever publicist and designer, the Warhol industry is swinging into high gear. There are Warhol home videos, film festivals, books, bedspreads, and Warhol-designed watches selling for \$13,500 (£7,100).

Zola Budd: Waiting for a decision yesterday.

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Heritage saved for the children By John Goodbody The Inner London Education Authority will not be giving away large playing fields in the area around the capital, including Walthamstow, Southall and Edgware. This heartening piece of news follows articles in The Times about the lack of use of schoolchildren and fears that sites will be sold and redeveloped. Fletcher said: "A short-term cash crisis should not be used as an excuse for disposing of sites which are valuable to one to look back in 20 years time and remember ILEA the organization which disposed of these grounds."

NEWS ROUNDUP

Left wing revolt over Ford deal

The moderate leadership of the engineering union will seek to head off a revolt in its ranks today as left wing members condemn the single union deal it signed with Ford for a £40 million plant at Dundee as "divisive".

Father unrepentant

A Birmingham man this week meets one of his two daughters whose marriages he arranged without their knowledge or consent eight years ago.

Benn plea to unions

Mr Tony Benn, whose hopes of becoming leader of the Labour Party have been rebuffed even by Yorkshire miners, has written to general secretaries of all unions affiliated to the party appealing to them to consult their membership before deciding which candidates to support.

Train rescue exercise

Five months after the King's Cross Underground station fire, London's emergency services were at work below ground again yesterday in an exercise, rescuing passengers from a train which had "broken down" more than 30ft beneath the Thames.

Prison babies plea

Women prisoners with babies should have as much opportunity as practicable for contact with the outside world, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said yesterday.

Frozen fish controls

Consumers will soon be able to compare the weight and contents of frozen fish packets when the Government introduces tighter controls on glazed and coated fish products, according to a fish retailing survey.

Irish favour Thatcher

The Irish rank Mrs Margaret Thatcher as their third most admired person in the world, according to a marketing survey opinion poll. With 7 per cent of the votes, she comes just behind the Pope (25 per cent) and Mother Teresa (16 per cent).

Air-miss reports 'were alarmist'

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, will reply tomorrow to criticism of Britain's air traffic control system in an effort to restore air passengers' confidence, dented recently by worries about near misses between aircraft.

Whitehall names names in EEC business drive

Whitehall's faceless bureaucrats are finally on their way out, victims of the Government's drive to prepare businesses for the abolition of all trade barriers in the European Economic Community by 1992.



Civil Servants' names, telephone numbers and areas of expertise are being given out to anyone who has a question about the impending arrival of the European single market.

Since the 1992 hotline was established in March, Teledata has fielded more than 8,000 calls, most of which have come in the wake of the DTT's £5 million television advertising campaign, last week.

Survey shows most poll tax rebels are 'regular grumblers'

The Prime Minister is opposing the creation of a fresh batch of Labour peers to increase the party's front-bench strength in the Lords (Philip Webster writes).

Van Gogh for market



Van Gogh's "Adeline Ravoux", for sale in New York (Photograph: Mark Pepper). By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent.

Archer buys the Playhouse

Mr Jeffrey Archer, businessman, politician, novelist and playwright, yesterday added theatre owner to his list of activities.

Final defeats all but three

Only three of the 200 competitors at the Birmingham regional final of The Times Collins Crossword Championship managed to solve all four puzzles in an average time of 10 1/4 minutes each.

Final defeats all but three

German Dictionaries, Oxford University Press, and has won the National Championship eight times, completed the four puzzles in an average time of 10 1/4 minutes each.

Table with columns labeled A through N and rows listing names of Tory MPs who voted against the government. It uses dots to indicate a vote and dashes to indicate an abstention.

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Police chase £25m assets of convicted heroin trafficker

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard officers are locked in a legal battle with a heroin trafficker over possible confiscation of a record £25 million of assets allegedly generated from drug dealing.

At the centre of the legal wrangle is Harkisham Chattaram, aged 48, an Asian entrepreneur who was based in London and was said to have African connections.

closed the possibility that the trafficking was funded by £10 million drawn from Johnson Matthey using forged letters of credit.

Better school English urged

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A greater emphasis on teaching children how to write and speak English correctly is recommended in a report to be published on Friday by a committee of inquiry set up 15 months ago by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

read: "This is the best thing what I have wrote". The report will argue that children must not be handicapped by an ignorance of how language works and that such knowledge is not acquired without effort.

Kingman committee blames that view for the emergence of a sloppy approach to English teaching whose consequences infuriate employers.

Casting is all important for Sir Michael



By Andrew Morgan

Off duty: Sir Michael Horner, pursuing his passion of fly-fishing, near his cottage at Bagnor, near Newbury, Berkshire, yesterday. The actor has been a keen angler since he caught his first fish in 1916.

After 30 years at Bagnor and fishing the Lambourn and a lake fed by the river, Sir Michael is concerned that a potential route for a planned by-pass will ruin the area and his fishing. He is a founder member of a group opposing the route.

Sir Michael, aged 76, owns many fishing rods and hundreds of flies, which he makes himself. Such is his skill, a leading catalogue for anglers lists the Michael Horner fly as "the fly".

Bookings boom at Britain's resorts

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Hotel and guest house bookings at British resorts are booming as package holidays abroad fall below last year's levels.

come around tourism is one of the first industries to benefit and people are booking second and even third holidays. People are going to British resorts for much more than a beach holiday.

Design Council cuts back

By David Nicholson-Lord

The Design Council is to abandon much of its high-profile promotion of British products. One casualty will be the black and white "kite" Design Centre label, regarded for decades as the imprimatur of aesthetic quality.

launched last year and gained extra impetus with the appointment as director of Mr Ivor Owen. In January, will be the closure of the Design Directory and the trade catalogue of approved products.

New light on death of the Red Baron

Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the First World War German fighter ace, was killed by a single shot from a British reconnaissance plane, according to new evidence produced by an aviation historian.

However, the letter produced by Mr Scanlon, alleges that the German ace died from a single shot fired by the observer of a reconnaissance plane. It was written at Bristol in 1934 by Professor John Alexander Nixon who was consultant physician to General Rawlinson's Fourth Army during the First World War, and was found tucked into a book of poetry by Mr Peter Dalwood, an antiquarian bookseller, of Penzance.

the chest in the middle of the right axilla. Travelling horizontally it had struck the front of the vertebrae and glanced off, probably into the heart, but we did not open the body to make our examination. Enough had been established to dispose of all the claims we had heard."

Pubs praised for bed and breakfast value

Public houses offer some of the best-value accommodation in Britain, but takerovers and mergers in the brewing industry are threatening consumer choice, a guide published today says.

but mergers are restricting choice. In another CAMRA guide, *Classic Town Pubs*, the author, Neil Hanson, expresses concern that historic inns and taverns are threatened.

Mr Hugh Scanlon, aged 60, of Penzance, Cornwall, has produced a letter allegedly written by a member of an Allied team that investigated Richthofen's death and dismisses claims that he was shot down in a dog fight.

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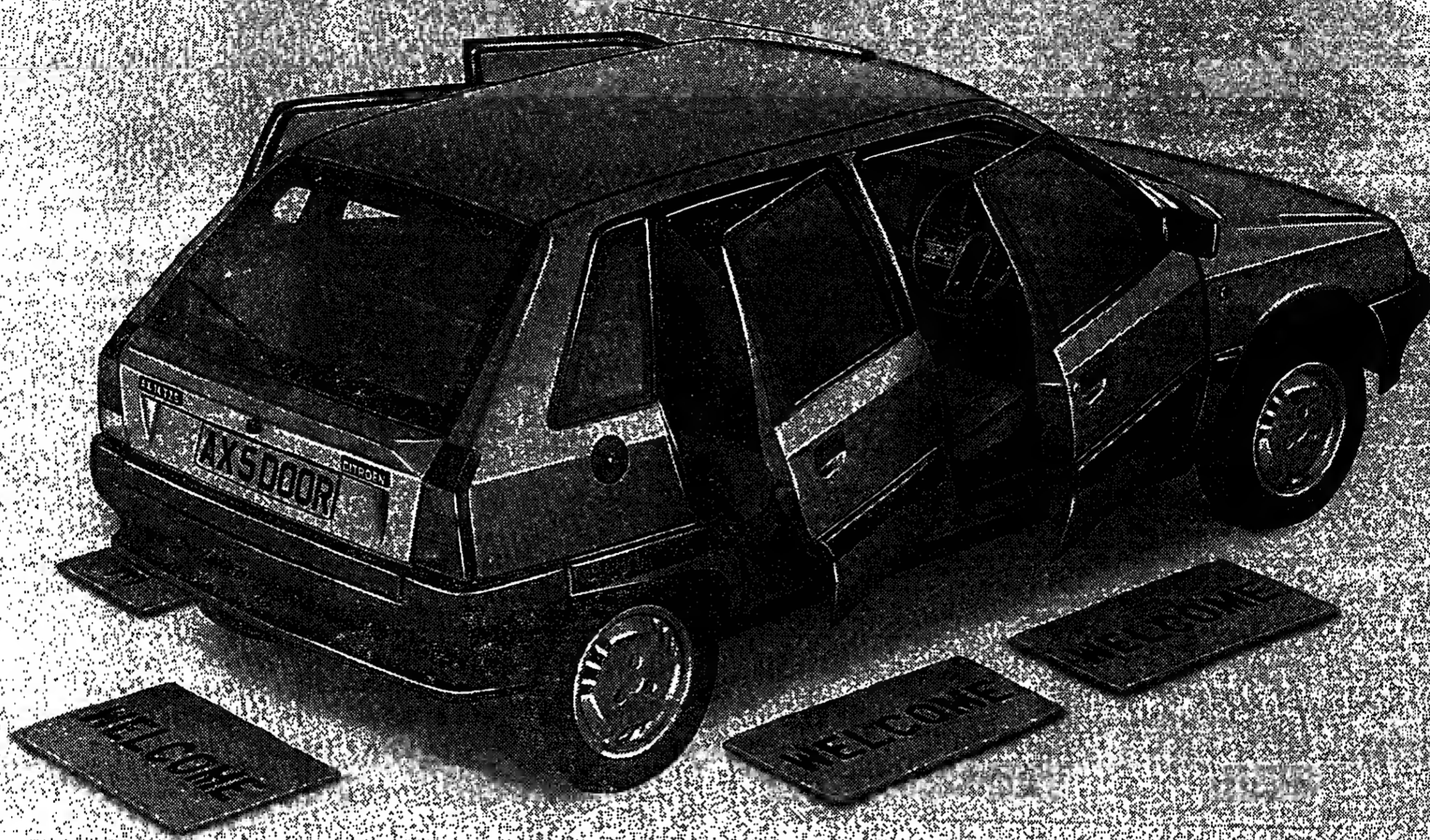
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Inland Revenue says popular butchers' 12% margins too low Penalty of living in 'yesterday's world'

By David Cross and Michael Horsnell

Last month *The Times* published a series of articles suggesting the Inland Revenue has become too aggressive and taxpayers are deemed guilty unless innocent.

Mr Anthony Battishill, chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, said in reply that the public had no cause to be alarmed and he would like to hear from anyone who was.

The *Times* has now sent him the case of the Tucker twins, penalized by the taxman, they believe, because they refused to charge their customers more than they felt was fair.

For 39 years the brothers ran a butchers' shop in the village of Wedmore, Somerset. Best quality, lowest prices, and always trim the fat before weighing meat; those were the cornerstones of a retailing philosophy which brought the brothers popularity but little profit.

The profit margin they reported on tax returns was 12 per cent and, down the years, the Inland Revenue accepted the figure — until 1983.

Then the tax authorities decided a small family butcher should be clearing 18 per cent. The Tuckers now face a bill of about £40,000 covering unpaid tax, interest and penalties, a sum which will swallow most of their savings.

Uproar among the villagers

and protests from the constituency MP have failed to move Her Majesty's inspectors.

Donald and Dennis Tucker, aged 68, worked long hours six and a half days a week and seldom took holidays. Donald rarely stepped outside the village. Dennis saw a little more countryside because he did the van deliveries.

Originally the tiny shop was attached to their cottage and towards the end of their careers they were paying themselves £40 a week.

Donald, who lives with wife, Mavis, and daughter, Janette, aged 24, in the same cottage where he and his brother were born, said: "We tried to give local people a fair deal, trimmed off excess fat, knocked a few bob off for pensioners and were proud of our service."

"We were stunned when the taxman challenged our figures. We explained our prices were much cheaper than anywhere else and we were not out to make large profits, but it seems we were born in yesterday's world and the mistake we made was continuing to live in it."

They challenged the local inspector's findings before the commissioners at Weston-super-Mare but, Donald said: "It seems the taxmen are incapable of believing our



Mr Donald Tucker (left) and his brother in their old shop.

figures or understanding our philosophy."

In July 1985 they appealed to Writington general commissioners, final arbiters of tax disputes in the Weston-super-Mare area. However, the commissioners decided the returns and accounts were inaccurate and they must pay.

One problem was that petrol expenses for deliveries were the same each week and there were some gaps in their record books. "Perhaps our accounts were not as good as they should have been but we had been using the same system over 30 years and the taxmen never complained. We only delivered locally within a three mile radius and our mileage was almost pretty much the same", Donald said.

"Income tax law is civil law where the loser pays all, including the costs of both parties. Unlike criminal law, the taxpayer is guilty until he proves innocence. The burden of proof is on the taxpayer, not the authorities."

When the Tuckers retired in 1985 they owed £22,300 tax, including £4,000 interest.

Since then the bill has risen to more than £37,900 through further interest and a £6,000 penalty.

Payment of the bill in full will almost wipe out their savings, which mostly come from the £48,000 sale of the shop.

The case has infuriated villagers. Mrs Susanne Agee, a smallholder who lives behind the butchers' shop, said: "I feel incensed."

"They put in horrific hours, up to 9 or 10 o'clock at night. They were very old-fashioned traditional butchers and the quality of their meat was very good. It was always cheaper than anywhere else. They were as honest as the day is long. Their trouble is that they are naive."

Mrs Suzanne Messor, a JP, said: "We were buying meat at very, very reasonable prices, much cheaper than elsewhere. The Inland Revenue is unjust."

Mr Tom North, a retired cashier in a solicitor's office, said: "They always gave first-class service with cheap and excellent meat."

Colonel A. H. Woodland, retired from the Army and the Civil Service, said: "I doubt very much the figure of 18 per cent profit applies to them."

Villagers said they would be happy to testify for the brothers.

Tuckers' shop, Mr Richard Sellers, said their prices had been "ridiculously cheap".

Several villagers wrote to their MP, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, and he tried to get the case reopened. However, Mr C. Phelps, district inspector of taxes, told him: "The assessments in question are final and conclusive under the provisions of section 46(2) TMA 1970."

Mr John Fuller, general secretary of the National Federation of Meat Traders, said: "It is all very well for the Inland Revenue to pick an average gross profit figure but factoring in very much an individual's case. Profit margins vary widely."

Mr Anthony Isaac, deputy chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, said: "We do not have the Tucker brothers' authority to breach their confidentiality and discuss their affairs in public."

"However, according to your report, this was a decision by a panel of general commissioners. This is an appeal body of laymen including businessmen drawn from the local community. It is not a tribunal of officials from the Inland Revenue."

"The commissioners would have taken their decision after hearing, as the people in the village whom you quote have not had the chance to hear, all the facts and the evidence on both sides of the dispute."

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Anxious MPs say scientists need more help

By Martia Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Tory-controlled committee of MPs is to press for increased government help for science with a unanimous report next month pointing to growing areas of concern.

The report, on the Department of Education's 1988 Public Expenditure White Paper, was agreed by the education, science and arts select committee last week and will strengthen the claims of the Royal Society and the Advisory Board for the Research Councils.

The 11-man committee, which has seven Tory MPs, says that the present level of funding is "causing difficulties in the scientific community" and will not be enough to sustain scientific research.

It describes as "disturbingly high" the number of top quality research projects that the research councils are unable to fund, and expresses concern at the high quality of the British scientists who are going overseas.

It says it hopes that the stated intention of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to give greater priority to science in the course of the next public expenditure survey "will indeed lead to significant relief of the very tight constraints on

the current level of science research."

It also refers to "profound and growing worries" that there will soon be too few qualified scientists to serve the needs of industry.

The advisory board had called for an increase of £103 million this year to allow scientific research to continue at its present level, but the actual increase was £50 million or 6 per cent and the committee believes that, in practice, the rise was even smaller.

About 1.5 per cent was specifically allocated for extra research on Aids and Antarctic research. It did not fully account for academic pay rises above the inflation rate. The cost of equipment and international subscriptions also tended to rise faster than inflation.

The committee does not put the entire onus on the Government. It says the scientific community has to adopt much tighter priorities and cease pursuing unpromising lines of research. It also says industry's funding of research and development lags behind that of the United States, Japan and West Germany and should be increased.

Motorway repairs

Traffic fears over orbital road boost

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Plans for upgrading the North Circular Road in London are running into opposition from people living near by who fear it is being turned into an inner city motorway, designed to take pressure off the M25.

It is claimed that when the improvements are complete, traffic will be able to drive from the M4 near Brentford in the west to the M11 near Woodford in the east without encountering a set of traffic lights or a junction.

People living along the road say that will attract heavy traffic from the M25.

They are particularly concerned about plans for a £50 million tunnel scheme at the Henlys Corner junction, where the A1 and the North Circular Road meet near Golders Green.

Traffic delay at this junction is minimal, according to people in the area, but the pressure group, Movement for London, which will support the scheme at a public inquiry this week, says it will cut accidents, and raise traffic speeds from about 12mph to 30 to 50mph.

Works until next Monday.

- London and South-east**
- M1 London: contraflow jns 4-5 (Edgware/Harrow).
 - M1 Buckinghamshire: lane closures north of jn 14 (Newport Pagnell).
 - M25 Hertfordshire: lane closures both directions jns 24-25 (Potters Bar/A10).
 - M11 Essex: contraflow jns 6-7; lane closures jns 8-10.
 - M20 Kent: lane restrictions jns 11-12 in connection with the Channel tunnel. M25 Surrey: night lane closures 7pm to 6.30am, jns 11-13 (Chertsey/Staines).
 - M3 Hampshire: inside lane, hard shoulder closed, both directions, jns 5-6.

M40 Buckinghamshire: lane restrictions, both directions, jn 5.

Midlands

- M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow jns 5-6; lane closures jns 4-8 (Bromsgrove/M50).
- M6 W Midlands: southbound entry slip road from Salford circus closed.

North

- M6 Cheshire: contraflow jns 16-17; slip, link road closures jns 21a, 22.
- M6 Lancashire: lane closures jns 26-27; contraflow jns 29-31.
- M6 Cumbria: contraflow northbound jns 41-42.
- M56 Greater Manchester: exit slip roads closed, jn 5. Signed diversions.
- M61 Lancashire: northbound closed jn 9.
- M62 Gtr Manchester: lane restrictions jns 12-15 (M63/Swinton).
- M62 Lancashire: lane restrictions jns 21-22.
- M62 W Yorkshire: contraflow, jns 25-26.
- M63 Gtr Manchester: single line traffic jns 3-6; flyover construction, Portwood roundabout, Stockport.
- A1(M) S Yorkshire: contraflow, slip road closures, A635 interchange-A638 interchange.

Wales and West

- M4 Wiltshire: off-peak lane closures eastbound jns 16-18.
- M4 Avon: lane closures in both directions jns 18-19.
- M4 S Wales: westbound lane closures jn 28.
- M5 Gloucestershire: lane closures both carriageways jns 9-12 (Tewkesbury/Gloucester).
- M5 Avon: contraflow south of jn 14.
- M5 Somerset: lane closures, restrictions north and southbound jns 22-27.

Scotland

- M8 Lothian: eastbound traffic hard shoulder only jn 3; eastbound entry slip jn 3 closed.
- M74 Strathclyde: contraflow jn 4; lane closures jn 6.

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Development fear in country parks

By Andrew Morgan

Countryside authorities are anxiously awaiting a decision this week on a planned development which could have grave repercussions for national parks.

A developer wants to replace a caravan site on a cliff near Tenby with 150 holiday cottages.

Mr Melvyn Davies has since 1984 applied five times for planning permission. The scheme has been amended several times. Pembrokeshire National Park, which controls planning permission, has consistently rejected the scheme, but there are fears it might relent.

Last month, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, after opposition from the National Trust, the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales and the Council for National Parks, told Pembrokeshire to defer a decision on a further application for the site, Meadow House, Amroth.

Miss Amanda Nobbs, secretary of the Council for National Parks, has urged the minister to reject the plans. "If these plans are passed it would set a dangerous precedent", she said. "There is every indication the number of applications for leisure complexes, on a scale inconsistent with national park principles, would dramatically escalate."

Nearly thirty surviving members of a demonstration which helped to open large areas of upland to the public attended a reunion to celebrate the fifty-sixth anniversary of the event in the Derbyshire Peak District yesterday.

Other ramblers joined them on the Kinder Scout plateau above Hayfield, where the veterans staged their mass trespass on private land. The protest paved the way for the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949.

The leisure industry is trying to cash in on national parks. Mrs Marion Herbert, a member of Pembrokeshire National Park committee, said: "There must always be scope to move with the times and accommodate small-scale development in sympathy with the character of the area concerned. But such a trade-off — replacing temporary structures with permanent ones — could never be considered a planning gain on a prominent cliff site."

Mr Davies said: "The cottage development will mean up to forty people will have work for 11 months of the year. It will not be seasonal employment, which is the bane of the area. People live and work here. If this is rejected, a considerable investment in the area will be dashed."



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Redundant workers start new firms to revive North-east

On Friday this week the removal vans will draw up outside the Small Firms Service in the Cloth Market, Newcastle upon Tyne and move Mrs Gillian Smith, her staff, computers and files across the city to new and larger premises on the fifteenth floor of an office block overlooking the Tyne.

"We are so busy helping people to start up new businesses that we have outgrown our present offices. We need more room to meet the increased demand", Mrs Smith, a career Civil Servant with the Department of Employment for the past 21 years and now regional manager of its small firms agency for the North-east, said.

The region has traditionally been one of mass employing industries such as shipbuilding, heavy engineering and coal where workers have been locked into the "cradle-to-grave" embrace of one-job security.

It bred a culture of dependency on "the company" which made the prospect of redundancy as those traditional industries declined that much harder and the switch to self-employment a difficult concept to sell.

In a national league table detailing the percentage of the workforce entering self-employment taken only three years ago, the North-east was firmly rooted at the bottom.

It was acknowledged to be the most difficult area of mainland Britain in which to encourage the enterprise culture which the Government, and the Prime Minister in particular, championed.

However new figures dis-

Government efforts to stimulate the small business sector to help revive the economy have been slow to take off in the North-east of England - until now. Peter Davenport has been to see a remarkable transformation story.

close a remarkable turn around. Last year the region recorded a 25 per cent increase in the numbers of workers going into self-employment, the highest upsurge in the country.

The Small Firms Service handled 19,000 serious inquiries from those wanting to branch out for themselves. More than 5,700 people, assisted by the Government's Enterprise Allowance scheme, were helped to start their own companies, an increase of more than 1,300 on the year before.

The projected figure for this year is 6,800 new start-ups and they range across the whole spectrum of work including retail, manufacturing, the service sector, design, clothing and computers.

A further encouraging statistic is that, after 18 months, 86 per cent of the fledgling companies are still trading, giving the lowest failure rate in the country.

Unemployment in the North-east is running at 15.9 per cent with some 174,392 people out of work, a drop of almost 3 per cent on the same time last year.

The numbers of those entering self-employment has increased from 105,000 to 108,000 with Mrs Smith predicting a similar increase this year.

There are now, she says, 120,000 small companies operating in the region,

employing between one and 200 people.

Mrs Smith said: "The increase in the number of new small businesses is one of the most spectacular successes of the region. It is now seen as a very real alternative to unemployment and we have a tremendous number of organizations aimed at giving encouragement and support."

"Only three years ago people were very reluctant even to think about self-employment because of the traditions of the region and we have had to spend a tremendous amount of money and effort promoting the enterprise culture."

The agency runs on an annual budget of less than £300,000. Mrs Smith has a permanent staff of seven. It has a team of counsellors, all successful businessmen, who advise new clients and their numbers have been increased from 22 to 31 to cope with demand.

One of the people helped by the service is Mr Alan Baiobridge, aged 46, who was made redundant by a large engineering company after 20 years. He set up his own company, calibrating industrial equipment, with his pay-off and after raising further finance against his house.

He said: "It was a very big step to take and when we signed the house over to the bank as security, well, that was a bad time. But things are now going tremendously well."

Kestrels are happily moving into town



Mr Mike Abbey, of Raptor Rescue, with "Lucky", a female kestrel which he has hand reared since it was found last August (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

The London Wildlife Trust today launches a survey of kestrels in the city to establish their growth rate after a remarkable adaptation to urban life which is more widespread than for any other bird of prey.

Mr Mike Abbey, of Raptor Rescue, said that pairs of rural kestrel are so numerous that their habitat had moved along main roads towards

cities. They have been seen nesting on the balconies of high-rise flats or even in garages.

"The rural habitat is far from lost and they are breeding so well that they are moving into the cities. Kestrels often follow motorways, where shrews and voles burrow into the embankments, which are rapidly becoming man-made nature reserves", he said.

Sue Butcher, the trust's develop-

ment officer, said estimates showed that 150 pairs were now nesting in London, compared with 50 pairs less than 10 years ago.

"Kestrels now live right across London and have been spotted in Hyde Park, Regent's Park and Finsbury Park. Everybody can help in this important survey."

Kestrels are part of the falcon family and feed largely on mice and

sparrows, although large worms and insects are sometimes consumed. The trust will be looking for new sites for kestrel nesting boxes and erecting them throughout the year.

The project, which is sponsored by Barclays Bank, includes leaflets for the public to recognize the bird's shape, its hovering pattern and colour.

Details of sightings may be sent to the trust at 80 York Way, London N1 9BR.

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

The thrill of power in the corridors of policy

At a social event in the middle of last week, the permanent secretary of the Department of the Environment and colleagues could be observed, fresh from the House of Commons and their minister's unsuccessful efforts to head off revolt on the poll tax.

Depressed and morose? On the contrary, these officials were pulsating with excitement. This was the great game, perhaps the very thing that had brought them into the Civil Service - dealing with crises.

It would probably be an exaggeration to say Whitehall thrives on crises at Westminster, but there was a palpable sense (last week, at least)

that the machinery had slipped into a higher gear.

Mr Dennis Trevelyan, the First Civil Service Commissioner, indicated something along these lines in explaining the relative success that Whitehall is having in attracting administration trainees, and maintaining (in his words) a respectable share of the annual crop of the universities' brightest.

It was not the pay which hooked them, he said, but the interest of a job close to the heart of power.

The heart of the Civil Service job, at the upper reaches at least, is politics and power. The Treasury the other day published a strange little booklet under the rubric of the

Financial Management Initiative, which illustrates why the so-called managerial revolution supposed to be sweeping through Whitehall is not winning.

Officials ought, the Treasury said, to "evaluate" policy. Using such words as appraise, objective, target, "base case" and other management school jargon, they should test whether a policy is working.

The document lacks two things. One is any concrete example whatsoever of what constitutes a "policy", the other is any awareness that the brute fact of Whitehall life is politics.

Contemporary Record, the journal of the Institute for Contem-

porary British History, recently gathered together politicians and officials connected with Mr Edward Heath's unsuccessful attempt to reform the trade union laws.

No single evaluation of that attempt emerged; instead there was a series of "what ifs", relating to political events. Lord Carr of Hadley, who as Robert Carr was Secretary of State for Employment in Mr Heath's Cabinet, summed up: "In that type of emergency situation it is very difficult to say where policy ends and execution begins". Policy Evaluation: a guide for managers (Stationery Office). Contemporary Record, Vol. 2, No. 1 Spring 1988 (Philip Allan Publishers, Market Place, Deddington, Oxford).

Popular shrub now a pest

Rhododendrons, a colourful feature of many large gardens and great estates, are causing problems in the more remote areas of Britain.

The plant is flourishing in upland areas as never before, creating unforeseen difficulties for bodies such as the National Park authorities.

In the past two centuries landscape gardeners have propagated dozens of species

and several hundred hybrids. It is possible to see the flowers all the year round.

But the rhododendron also thrives in the thin, peaty, acidic soils of moors and mountains. It is colonizing large areas of Scotland, Snowdonia, the Brecon Beacons, Dartmoor, Exmoor, and the Lake District.

It is poisonous to most

forms of wildlife and other plants. In woodland areas it takes over before saplings have a chance to grow and it is competing with bracken to destroy heather.

The cost of eradicating it by felling and herbicides would cost some £30 million in Snowdonia alone and would arouse protests from the public who see the rhododendron as an asset rather than a pest.

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Kanaks trap 50 more gendarmes

From Mark Baker, Noumea, and Anne Jamieson, Sydney

Armed Kanak villagers laid siege to a second police outpost in New Caledonia last night as their leaders threatened reprisals against 27 gendarmes already held hostage.

More than 100 pro-independence Kanaks armed with guns, axes and bushknives surrounded the police station at Tadine, on the outer island of Mare. Rebel sources said as many as 50 gendarmes and riot police were trapped.

Late last night police and paramilitary reinforcements were flown from the capital, Noumea, to the island.

Meanwhile, in a further embarrassment for the French Government, five paramilitary policemen were injured when a car packed with explosives blew up late yesterday in Corsica. The outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front said that its activists carried out the attack, which it

linked to the Kanak campaign in New Caledonia.

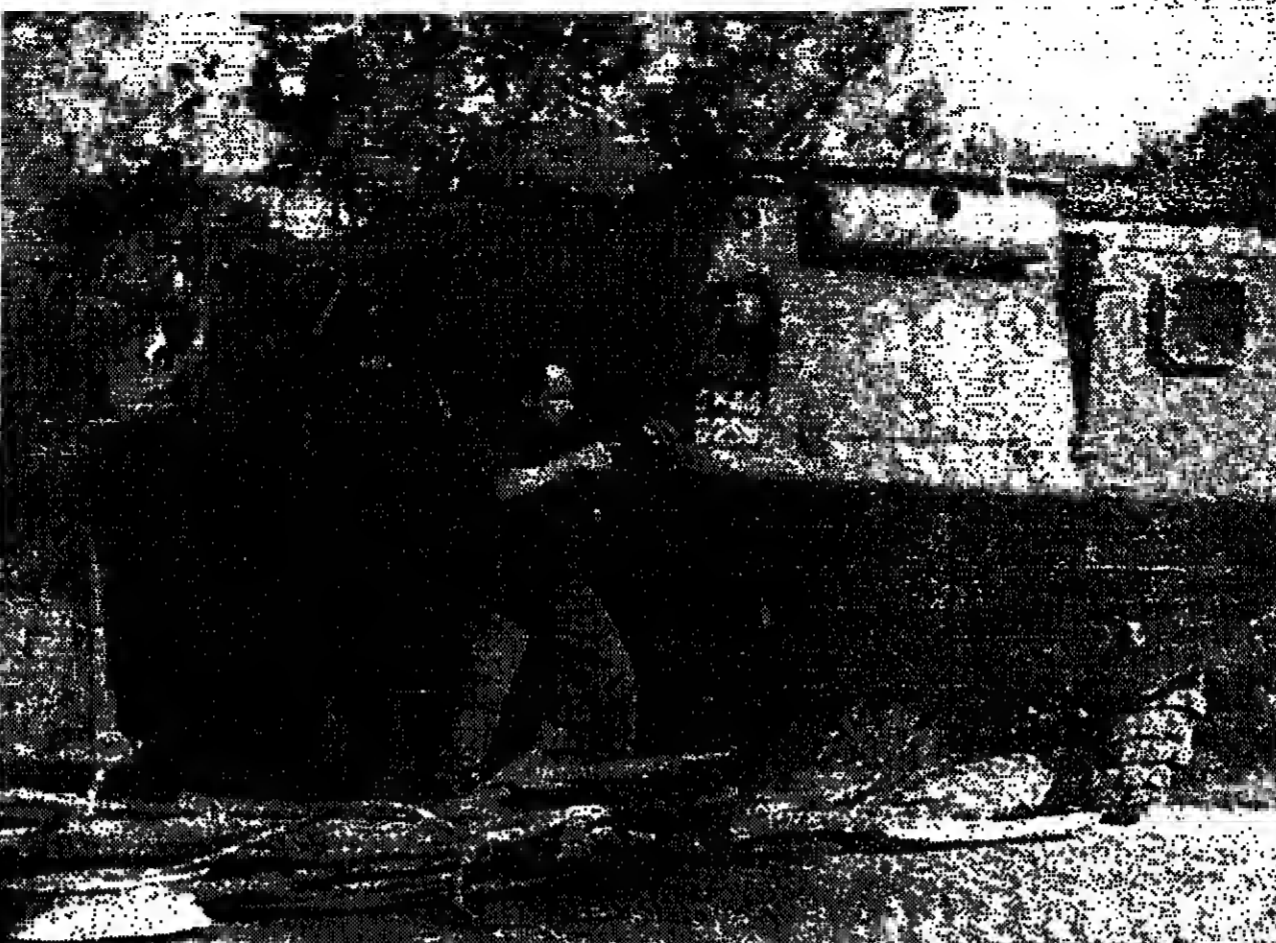
The siege on the island of Mare came in a day of worsening violence across the French South Pacific territory, which severely disrupted voting in elections that would strip the pro-independence Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front of much of its present regional power.

At least 11 people were wounded in a series of gun battles between security forces and militant Kanaks, who set up roadblocks isolating large areas of the island group.

The crisis in New Caledonia and the bombing in Corsica are serious blows for the French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, who had to devote the last hours before the polling booths opened in the first round of the presidential election to handling the crisis.

The French Minister for Overseas Territories, M Bernard Pons, was due to arrive in Noumea late last night after an emergency Cabinet meeting in Paris. The French Government has also sent in an extra 160 special security forces, including 20 marksmen from the elite unit that guards the President.

The moves came after sweeps by 200 police and paramilitary officers on the island of Ouvea failed to find a trace of the 27 gendarmes taken hostage on Friday during a battle in which three men were killed and five injured. A



French gendarmes firing at Kanak rebels from the cover of an armoured car during clashes in New Caledonia yesterday.



Mr Joredia: Threatened that hostages could be harmed.

French destroyer was reported to be stationed off Ouvea.

One of the wounded gendarmes, M George Moulie, died in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney last night.

The Kanak Front's political bureau said troops on Ouvea

had put the Gossannah tribe under siege.

The Front has now said that it kidnapped the gendarmes and has demanded immediate action on claims for decolonization in return for their release.

PARIS: Provisional voting

figures in the New Caledonia regional elections yesterday show a 56.37 per cent turnout (Susan MacDonald writes). Results give the party which wants to keep the colony part of France 35 of the 48 seats in the newly-created regional divisions.

This figure is bound to be considered a victory by the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front, which called for a boycott; but with voting marred by pro-independence roadblocks and shootings, 31 of the 139 polling stations never opened their doors.

WORLD ROUNDUP

29 killed in Sikh militant violence

Delhi - Fourteen people were murdered in separate acts of violence yesterday in the troubled north Indian state of Punjab, bringing the weekend total of killings to 29 (Michael Hamlyn writes). The victims included a woman, a terrorist gunman, a local leader of the Congress Party and "an intruder from Pakistan". On Saturday, 15 people were killed in two separate incidents. The dead included Mr Sandhu Singh, a leader of the moderate wing of the Sikh Akali Dal party, who had been a staunch opponent of the terrorist campaign. According to the Press Trust of India, a so-called "red alert" was called in Punjab after Saturday's killings. Official news sources in Delhi have been anxious to point out how much of the mayhem has been due to infiltration across the Pakistan border.

Armenia remembers

Moscow - The Soviet Union's Armenian community yesterday marked the anniversary of the 1915 massacres of Armenians by the Turks, with a traditional procession in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, and a church service in Moscow (Our Correspondent writes).

Thousands of Armenians walked to the "Genocide Monument", a soaring black obelisk overlooking Yerevan for the annual flower-laying ceremony. This year's ceremonies had heightened significance as the Armenians were commemorating the victims of racial riots in Sumgait. Hundreds of Armenians crammed into the Armenian cemetery in Moscow, although police were on hand to prevent the meeting becoming a political rally.

Strike call Deserter's in Dhaka secret life

Dhaka - Twenty-one Bangladesh opposition parties took to the streets in Dhaka for a general strike today to mark the opening of the Parliament elected last month (Ahmed Fazl writes). The opposition leaders, Sheikh Hasina Wazed and Begum Khaleda Zia, gave a warning of civil unrest if the Assembly approved changes to the Constitution.

Moscow (Barrister) - A Second World War Soviet Army deserter hid for 44 years in the cellar of his wife's home in a Ukrainian village, emerging only occasionally at night, the Moscow newspaper *Sovetskaya Gazeta* reported yesterday. It said Mr Ivan Kondratyenko was discovered by police investigating a fire in the village of Shevchenkovo, north-east of Kiev.

Howe boycott call

Brussels - Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will today raise with Britain's EEC partners the prospect of a European air boycott of Algeria for allowing the Arab hijackers of the Kuwaiti airliner to slip away last week (Richard Owen writes).

Diplomats said yesterday that few other Community states were inclined to follow Britain's lead. But officials said that Britain would continue to press for concerted international action against hijackers.

Duke hits at Pretoria

Hobart - The Duke of Edinburgh, in a speech of rare political significance by a member of the royal family, has condemned South Africa's policy of apartheid (Christopher Morris writes). Prince Philip, speaking at the University of Western Australia in Perth at the weekend, made his reference to apartheid by saying it was always so much easier to condemn something in general terms, but more difficult to cope with the practical realities. He said: "No matter what the rest of the world may say or do, only when a more significant proportion of white South Africans come to perceive apartheid as wrong will the system be changed by peaceful means." After five days in Western Australia, the Queen and the Duke yesterday flew to Tasmania.

Show of unity by Democrats

From Christopher Thomas, Philadelphia

The Rev Jesse Jackson and Governor Michael Dukakis, the sole survivors in the Democratic presidential battle, arrived in Pennsylvania brimming with warm words and affection. They pumped hands. They laughed together. They told yawning audiences of their tremendous mutual respect. And they turned a television debate into a back-slapping love feast.

Behind the scenes, the two rivals have obviously agreed to present the Democratic Party as united and to avoid criticism of each other. Mr Jackson, in particular, is sending a clear signal that he has no intention of doing anything that could damage the Democrats' chances of seizing the White House in November.

The rivals even joked about the possibility of running together for the presidency and vice-presidency. Asked in a television debate if he would choose Mr Jackson as his running mate, Mr Dukakis turned to the Baptist preacher and asked with a smile: "Are you interested? Talk to me later." Mr Jackson erupted in laughter, bowed his rival gently in the ribs, and vigorously shook his hand.

It was a rare moment of spontaneity for Mr Dukakis, who can be stiff and colourless. Normally it is his rival who wins over audiences with his powerful stage presence. In several interviews Mr Jackson repeated that the two contenders were not going to engage in a bitter fight among themselves. "However it goes, we will act as a unit to send the Reagan-Bush forces back to private life," he said. So far in the Pennsylvania campaign he has not sought to draw attention to policy disagreements with Mr Dukakis. Neither contender has even mentioned differences in their domestic policy priorities.

The Pennsylvania Democratic primary tomorrow will almost certainly be won by Mr Dukakis. There are really two elections - one is a popularity contest while the other is a battle for 178 delegates who will attend the party's National Convention in the summer. Most polls suggest that Mr Dukakis is running 25 to 35 per cent ahead of Mr Jackson in the popular vote.

The delegate battle ought to be an even greater triumph for Mr Dukakis, since Pennsylvania is one of a few states that apportion delegates on a winner-take-all basis by congressional district. Mr Jackson is strongest in two predominantly-black districts in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, but he could be shut out elsewhere. Nevertheless, his spirits seem high. He admonished Pennsylvania black leaders who doubted his ability to win the nomination, even though the arithmetic now points to the near certainty that he cannot win. Not only is he expected to lose tomorrow; he will almost certainly lose in Ohio and Indiana on May 3, although he can expect to carry Washington DC. "Hold your heads high. Renew your faith. Expand your hope. Let the children feel it," he intoned to black leaders. "When the sun comes out in the spring, flowers blossom, eggs crack, chickens start talking chicken talk and hope is alive. Everything in the universe moves when there is hope in the air." Mr Dukakis and Mr Jackson are focusing their Pennsylvania campaigns in the declining steel towns. The Massachusetts governor has not exactly set his campaign on fire with his slogan: "Good jobs at good wages". At every stop he attacks President Reagan's threatened veto of a trade bill that would force employers to give 60 days' notice before closing a plant. While he attacks Vice-President George Bush, audiences seem bemused by his conciliatory utterances about Mr Jackson. "Jesse has his own strengths and his own message and it's an important one," he said when asked why working people should choose him over Mr Jackson. "What I offer is a record." He couples praise of his half-hearted attempts to reach out to black voters, often telling the story of how as a student he boycotted a local barber who refused to serve black people. The polls all suggest, however, that he will get only a sprinkling of black votes tomorrow.



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Lebanon bomb challenge to Syria

By Our Foreign Staff

Beirut - Grieving residents of the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli prepared yesterday to bury some of the 66 victims of the car bomb that posed a challenge to Syria's security drive in the war-torn country.

The booby-trapped car, said to have been a Mercedes containing 330 lb of explosives, ripped through a busy shopping centre packed with people buying food for Iftar, the traditional meal during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, on Saturday.

The death toll rose to 66 yesterday after 12 more people wounded by the blast in the Tabbeh district died. Police said the number of wounded was now 114.

Tripoli's eight hospitals were filled in capacity with casualties and mortuaries were "packed with corpses", police said. Radio stations broadcast urgent appeals for blood.

While some families buried victims on Saturday and some were preparing for funerals yesterday, other weeping residents were still trying to identify missing relatives among charred bodies in plastic bags at the hospitals.

A co-ordination committee that runs the day-to-day affairs of Tripoli has declared two days of public mourning for the victims.

The blast, the most destructive in Tripoli since 1985 when at least 52 people were killed and 75 injured by a similar explosion, was the latest blow to Syria's drive to impose security in Lebanon.

Syria is the main foreign power broker in the country, with more than 25,000 troops in the north, the Bekaa valley



Tripoli residents inspecting the havoc wreaked by the car bomb which exploded in a busy shopping centre on Saturday.

and in west Beirut, where soldiers impose tight security and man dozens of checkpoints.

No one has claimed responsibility for the blast in Lebanon's second largest city, 40 miles from Beirut, but left-wing and pro-Syrian political parties blamed their staunch rivals of the Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia.

"In front of this awful massacre by the Lebanese

forces, we call on our citizens to be more aware," said a joint statement by Muslim, left-wing and pro-Syrian parties.

The statement called for a general strike today in protest at the bombing as owners of demolished shops and vegetable push carts inspected the damage yesterday.

Earth movers cleared blackened rubble, broken glass and the wreckage of about 20 cars. Civil defence rescue teams

had clawed through the rubble of wrecked buildings and called off their search after dragging a 33-year-old survivor, a grocer, to safety just after midnight yesterday.

The man, who was not identified, had been buried for more than 16 hours. He was taken to Batroun hospital, 15 miles south of Tripoli.

Police said that no one else was listed as missing or believed to be buried in the

shopping centre wreckage. Saturday's atrocity was the first serious car bombing in Lebanon this year.

There were 16 car bombings in 1987, in which 57 people died and 288 were wounded.

It was also the bloodiest perpetrated in the country since March 8, 1985, when 80 people were killed and 250 wounded in the Shia Muslim district of Bir al-Abed, in the south of Beirut.

Palestinians return to work as Israel relaxes refugee camp curfews

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Palestinians from the occupied territories went quietly back to work in Israel yesterday as controls were lifted which have kept more than 400,000 refugees under curfew in 23 camps since the assassination a week ago of Khalil al-Wazir, the PLO military commander known by his nom de guerre, Abu Jihad.

The ending of the curfew was most joyfully greeted at Jelazoun camp, north of Ramallah on the West Bank, which had been closed for a record 38 days. Fresh food was running short and health in the camp had been put at risk by the accumulation of rubbish.

Military sources said the restrictions were lifted because they had succeeded in restoring relative quiet to the occupied territories last week, despite protests about the killing of Abu Jihad and expected protests by Palestinians to mark Israel's Independence Day. But four Palestinians died from Israeli gunfire on Friday and Saturday.

The further important easing of controls was also aimed at helping the return to work. This was to allow fuel oil and petrol to be delivered in the occupied territories for the first time in a month.

Mr Chaim Bar-Lev, the Police Minister, reported to the Cabinet yesterday that there had been an increase in the number of clashes over the past week but this was largely

because of trouble in Jerusalem, and not in the territories. It seems that Major-General Amram Mitzna, in command of the Jerusalem area, has decided he must try to break the commercial strike on the Arab side of the city, which is the most obvious sign of Palestinian defiance.

On Saturday, he began by issuing an order - based on regulations used during British Mandate days - to the owners of 25 shops just outside the Damascus Gate to open all day rather than for the three hours approved by the leaders of the unrest.

Sources claimed that a delegation of shopkeepers, desperately short of money because the commercial strike has now lasted three months, had secretly asked for the orders to be issued so they could appear to have been forced to open and so avoid punishment for strike-breaking. Several shops which broke the strike order were set on fire some months ago.

Yesterday, despite the orders and police patrols trying to enforce them, all 25 shops remained closed. They were each marked in white paint with a number, presumably for identification in future legal proceedings.

Faced with the continuing closure, General Mitzna issued a new order yesterday afternoon, instructing the shopkeepers to remain shut between 2 pm and 7 pm. The

leaders of the unrest have ruled that the shops should open for three hours during this period, so a trial of strength is now under way. The shopkeepers have been warned that, if they disobey the new orders, their businesses could be closed for six months and they could face two-year prison sentences. A similar confrontation took place yesterday at Talfarim in the northern West Bank, where the Army shut shops as they began to open during the afternoon, the time laid down by the strike leaders.

A military court yesterday gave a five-month suspended sentence to an Israeli soldier filmed beating two Palestinian prisoners in the occupied West Bank (AFP reports). The tribunal also demoted Corporal Saguy Harpaz for conduct damaging to the reputation of the Israeli Army.

ROME - A peace plan making the European Community responsible for the occupied West Bank has been proposed by Signor Bettino Craxi, leader of the Italian Socialist Party (Roger Boyes writes).

The plan, which has yet to secure the backing of the Government, would have the European Community taking an administrative mandate in the occupied territories and guaranteeing the security of Israel until an international conference worked out a Jordanian-Palestinian federation.

Roh wins a straw poll down on farm

From Gavin Bell, Sinyong, South Korea

As President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea was holding court beneath the glittering chandeliers of his palace, an old peasant woman smiled, a cock crewed, and a cow was gazing inquisitively through an open door.

In Seoul, Mr Roh was denouncing corruption in government, pledging democratic reforms, and proclaiming a "great era of the common man". In the farming village of Sinyong, where he was born, Mrs Seo Im Dol, aged 87, turned from her television and said: "He's just like his mother, so modest and generous."

Mr Roh, aged 55, has come a long way from the rural hamlet where he remembered as a barefoot schoolboy and a good whistler, to the corridors of power in the capital. He is facing the first big test of his administration in general elections tomorrow which will either ensure or cripple his ability to govern effectively for the next five years.

Throughout the country, agents of his Democratic Justice Party are engaged in fierce contests for marginal seats with a fragmented but still powerful opposition. It is a boisterous and ugly campaign, soured by bribery, slander and sporadic violence.

Sinyong is perhaps not the best place to gauge the mood of the electorate. As far as can be ascertained, all the voters in its 52 households voted for Mr Roh in the presidential election last November.

The latest political furore is far removed from the calm of his birthplace, at the head of a pretty, wooded valley in the central province of North Kyongsang. The peach blossoms are in full bloom on the terraced hillsides, a lone peasant girl tills the soil and goats lap undisturbed from a roadside brook.

The posters of five candidates standing in the provincial capital of Taegu are displayed neatly on the whitewashed wall of a farmyard. An old man with a crude plough strapped to his back, leading his cow to a field down the valley, pauses briefly to regard them and passes on. Politicians may come and go, but the land is eternal and harvest time is approaching.

The only sign of the changing times is a young policeman in casual clothes who has been assigned to guard the clay and straw house where Mr Roh was born. His most onerous task to date has been to show curious visitors around the low-roofed building.

A sign above the door says: "The colour of pine trees never changes," a lyrical reference to the virtues of probity and loyalty to high officials. The property is now occupied by a local farmer and his wife, but two rooms are kept vacant for occasional visits by Mr Roh's 81-year-old mother.

In accordance with an election pledge, the President disclosed his personal assets last week. The farm with its rice and dry paddies was valued at £36,000. Mr Roh left it when he was 12 years old after his father, the village clerk, had been killed by a train while riding a bicycle.

When he returned recently in happier circumstances, Mrs Seo recalled that he was wearing shoes, but otherwise he had not changed much. "He held my hand, and I patted his shoulder like I used to. Such a nice boy." Mr Koo Chang Bong, a fruit and rice farmer, shares her affection for Mr Roh but has an astute view of the political turmoil surrounding him.

"Roh is an honest and generous man, but I doubt whether all of those around him are the same. Maybe they will try to be like the old autocratic regime. I think it is important to keep them in check, and that is why some of us may vote for opposition candidates."

Unofficial opinion polls indicate that Mr Koo's concerns about the future of Korea's nascent democracy are widely shared, and could spell trouble for the ruling party.

But, judging by the courteous and hospitable folk of Sinyong, Mr Roh comes from good stock. No matter which party wins the most parliamentary seats, they are confident the fate of their country is in safe hands.

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Kabul's army flees three key districts amid rebel pressure

From Edward Gorman, Peshawar

Soviet and Afghan troops, fearing a massive onslaught by Mujahidin guerrillas, have made emergency airborne evacuations from three strategic positions close to the Pakistan border since Friday, guerrilla sources said here yesterday.

On Friday they pulled out of the key post of Barikot in Kunar province, which government forces had held at great cost throughout the war, and from Maruf, in Kandahar province. On Saturday, Aghar, in Zabul province, was abandoned.

The Mujahidin said they later took control of the towns. No independent confirmation of the reports was immediately available.

However, graphic details have emerged of the reported evacuation from Barikot, by the 55th Brigade of the Afghan Army. It came after months of heavy fighting as the Mujahidin laid siege to the post from the surrounding hillsides. According to resistance and diplomatic sources here, scores of helicopters and jets flew up the Kunar Valley

towards Barikot at about noon (local time) on Friday and began to bomb the area around the fort. Helicopters then landed inside the perimeter, airlifting Afghan infantry and commando units, together with between five and 10 Soviet "advisers", to safety elsewhere. The last of the troops



The debacle at Barikot is seen as highly significant as Soviet troops prepare to leave Afghanistan. Over the years the regime has expended thousands of Soviet and Afghan lives trying to resupply the fort overland along the treacherous Kunar river road.

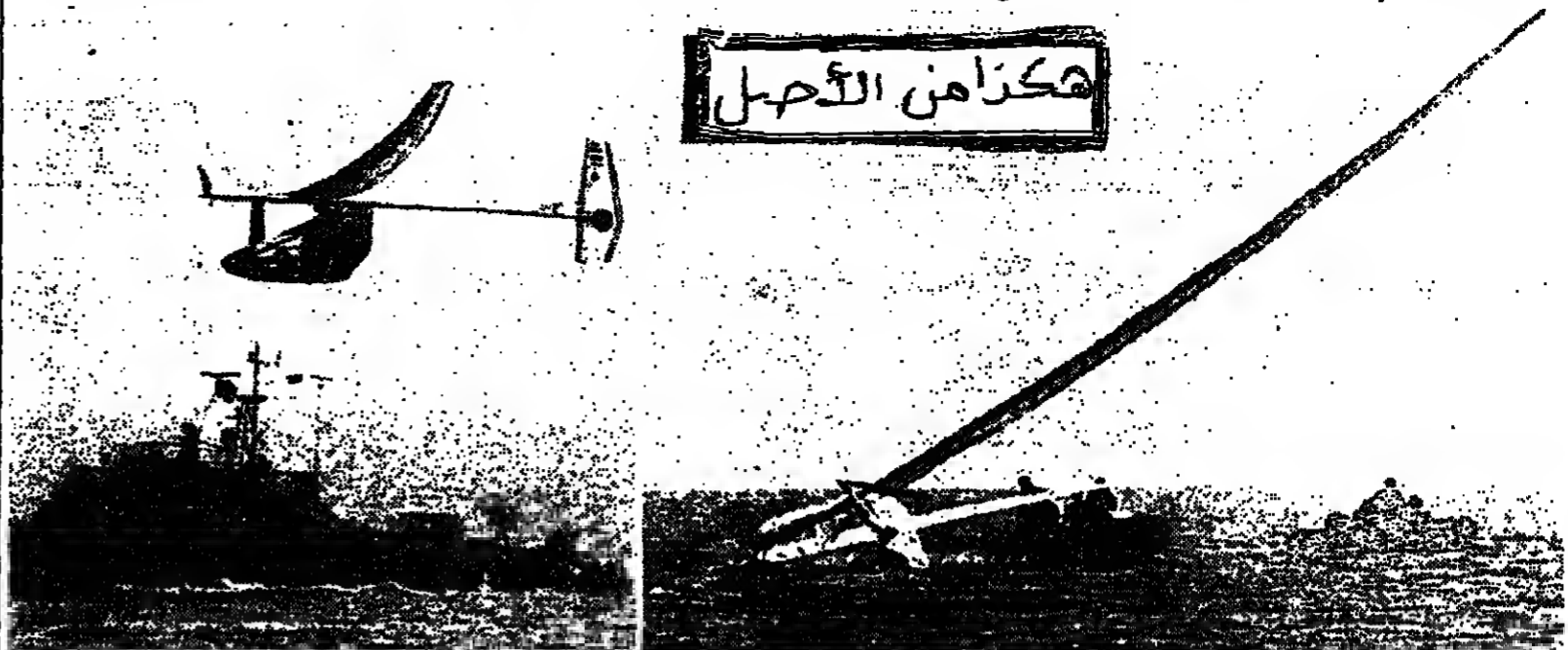
huge onslaught planned by the Mujahidin. Guerrillas in the Barikot area were using 82 mm mortars, 107 mm ground-to-ground rockets and BM 12 multiple rocket-launchers.

There was also a report that the Mujahidin had used new rocket-assisted, Chinese-made, mine-clearing equipment to great effect around Barikot and were for the first time threatening to overrun it.

The decision to evacuate Barikot, along with the towns of Aghar and Maruf, also suggests that Kabul military chiefs believe they can no longer justify sacrificing soldiers for such remote positions without full Soviet military and airborne support.

Analysts believe the coming months may see an increasing number of evacuations.

Modern Daedalus turns myth into reality



Daedalus begins its human-powered flight successfully, left; but is forced by sudden turbulence to crash in the sea off the volcanic island of Santorini.

Athens - Kanellos Kanellopoulos, 14-times Greek cycling champion, has proved that human-powered flight, as depicted in the myth of Daedalus, is possible (Mario Modiano writes).

He flew 74 miles from Crete to the island of Santorini, but in the process crash-landed and was forced to swim ashore for the last few yards. Despite this last-minute mishap, his achievement will eventually help designers of human-powered planes to produce sturdier models that can withstand the stress of sudden gusting winds.

The Greek athlete, who is 31 years old today, used his muscle power not to flap wings like the prototypes, but to pedal non-stop a hi-tech glider-like

craft, designed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from Crete to the island of Santorini.

He completed the 74 miles in three hours, 54 minutes, thanks to unexpected tail winds. "Some Greek gods must have wanted him to win," said Miss Peggie Scott, speaking for the Daedalus Project team.

It was a flawless flight at an altitude of 20 ft, the craft glistening in the morning Aegean sun like a mythical bird with a 112 ft wingspan - until it came in to land on the black sand beach of Perivoli on volcanic Santorini.

There was sudden turbulence, and

gusting head winds. The project leaders from a back-up Greek Navy vessel urged Mr Kanellopoulos to turn to be able to land.

"I turned, but the tail-boom could not take the stress and it snapped," he said. "Then the wings folded." The craft disintegrated as it settled some 10 yards from the shore.

"I was not worried because the job had been done," he said. "So I dived under the debris and swam ashore." He was given a hero's welcome by hundreds of people from Santorini massed on the beach.

The debris of the craft was collected and put on a trailer. It will be pieced

together and put on display here.

Miss Scott said that, as with a previous crash of a prototype, there would be close scrutiny of the causes, resulting eventually in design changes for the next generation of human-powered aircraft.

Asked if there was any military use for this craft, Miss Scott said she did not know of any object that did not. The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) had financed research for the project.

Three observers of the International Aeronautics Federation had followed the experiment and will report on which records had been broken.

Letter from Managua

Baseball pitches in despite crisis

It might seem surprising, that last week in Nicaragua, where the Government has been absorbed in negotiations that could finally bring an end to the protracted civil war, ordinary people have been more engrossed in baseball.

As the *Contras* wrangled with the Sandinistas over the destiny of the nation, most Nicaraguans were tuned to radio stations broadcasting the fifth game in the national equivalent of the World Series.

In Nicaragua, as in other Latin American countries which have been occupied by US forces from time to time, baseball is embedded in the national culture. It is a legacy



Commander Ortega: He and President brother both fans of US influence that even a nationalist anti-American revolution has not attempted to change, and it's one of the few passions that the Sandinistas share with their opponents.

Commander Humberto Ortega, the Defence Minister and the brother of the President - who is also a baseball fanatic - cheered from the stands on Thursday night as the Managua Dantos took the lead in the final match with the Atlantic Coast, which earlier in the series had seemed on the verge of clinching the national championship.

In this country polarized by war, even baseball has political overtones. The Atlantic Coast team, composed of English-speaking descendants of African slaves brought to that region by British colonists centuries ago, have built up a huge following in Spanish-speaking Managua, despite differences in language and culture.

"We are the underdogs,"

said Ricky Nelson, the star hitter for the Atlantic Coast. "That's why they like us."

"The Dantos are the army team. That's why people support the Atlantic Coast," said Señor Alfredo Leiba, a lorry driver with extensive knowledge of the national sport.

Berman Suárez, the Dantos captain, said: "It's not true we are an army team. 'Sure there are five or six soldiers on our side, but we are an ordinary Managua team. Those people are confused.'"

Nevertheless, the word *danto*, a Nicaraguan variety of wild boar, was the *nom-de-guerre* of a famous Sandinista revolutionary hero. The colours of the Dantos are red and navy blue, indistinguishable at 50 ft from the red and black symbol of the ruling Sandinista Front. By contrast, the Atlantic Coast wears blue and white, the colours of the Nicaraguan flag, which have been adopted by some opposition groups and the *Contras*.

"The Dantos are a better team," admitted Juana Maria Gonzalez, aged 16, a Managua high-school pupil. "But I support the Atlantic Coast because they're nicer."

Cultural as well as political sympathies explain the Atlantic Coast's sudden rise to popularity. Since the revolution, younger Spanish-speaking inhabitants of the main population centres on the Pacific coast have discovered the Caribbean culture of their Atlantic brethren disdained and neglected for centuries. In Managua discos, reggae has become as popular as the Latino rhythms of merengue and salsa.

Unlike the war, which no one seems to be winning, and unlike the peace negotiations, which seem to be going nowhere, the Nicaraguan baseball championships disappointed no one in the sense of producing an indisputable victor. The Dantos trounced the Atlantic Coast 14-4.

"This is a national catharsis," a foreign observer remarked. "If only the war could be settled by home runs, instead of guns."

David Gollob

Floods hit Kenya

Nairobi (AP) - Ten people drowned and thousands were made homeless after three days of torrential rain throughout Kenya. The deaths raised the toll from flooding this month to 21. A landslide just outside Nairobi washed away the main railway line to western Kenya, which also serves Uganda. Officials said that it would take three days to repair.

Flag selection

Peking (AFP) - A short list of 52 designs for a new flag for Hong Kong, once it reverts to Chinese rule, has been chosen from more than 7,000 submissions. The designs will go on display next month here and in Hong Kong.

Monks killed

Delhi (Reuters) - Chinese authorities shot or beat to death 16 Tibetan monks and arrested 840 after violent protests in Lhasa last month, the Tibetan Youth Congress, an exile group in India, said.

Asylum snub

Singapore (Reuters) - The Government said Canada had offered Mr Chia Thye Poh, Singapore's longest-serving political detainee, asylum last year but he turned it down.

Single choice

Yaounde (AFP) - Cameroon was voting in a general election and a presidential poll, in which President Biya was the only candidate.

Escapee held

Istanbul (Reuters) - One of 29 political prisoners who escaped from prison last month has been recaptured.

Ferry deaths

Accra (AFP) - Forty Ghanaian women and children were feared drowned after a ferry capsized on Lake Volta.

Train blaze

Milan (Reuters) - Two hundred passengers fled a Geneva-Milan express train after it caught fire in a tunnel.

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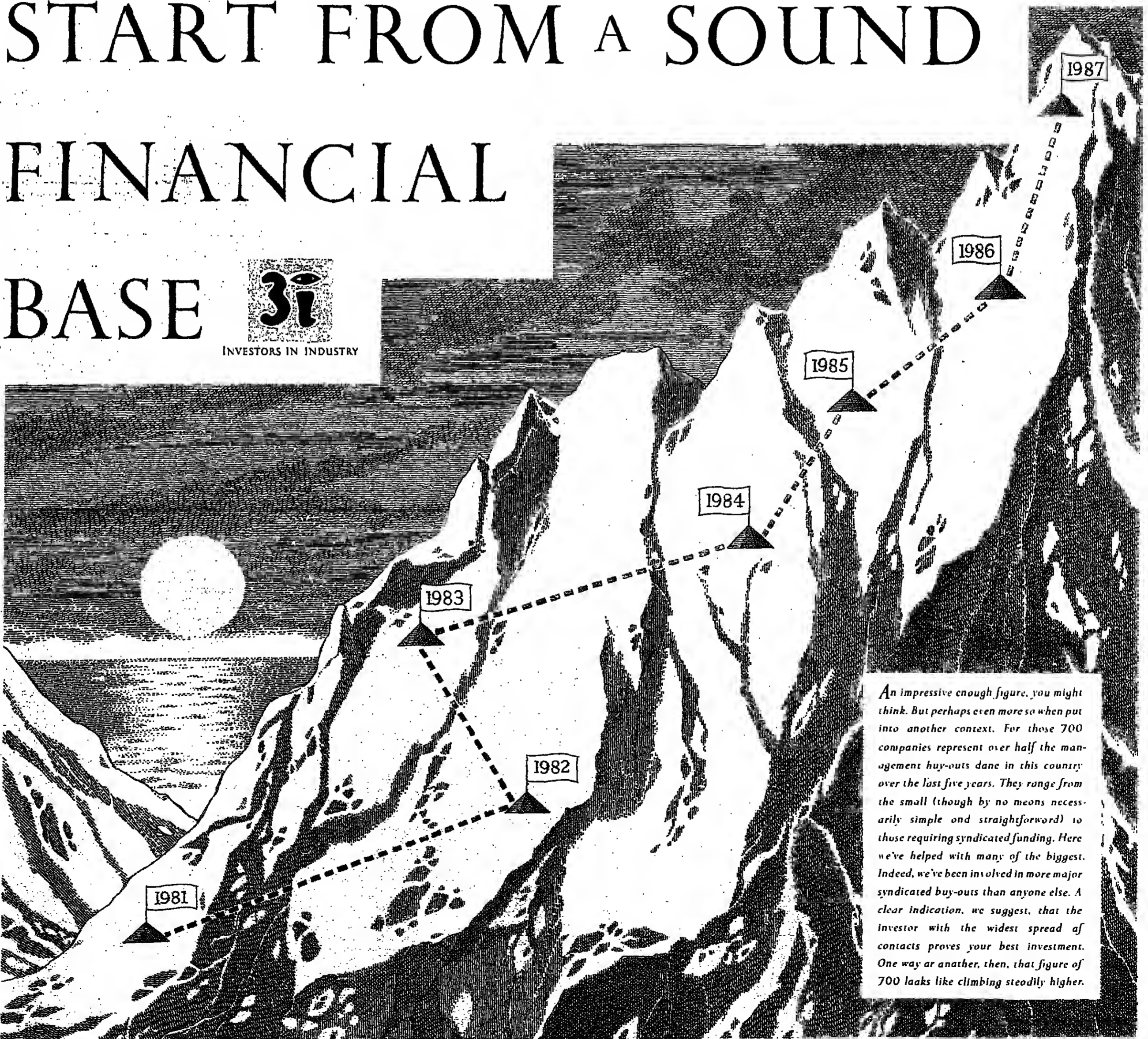
Leaders of the union have urged that the shops should open for three hours during the period, so a trial might be now under way. The shopkeepers have been warned that if they do not open for three hours, they could be closed for a similar period in the future. A similar confrontation took place yesterday at Fulham in the north-west London area where the Army shut down the shops for three hours. The shops began to open during the afternoon, the time laid down by the strike leaders.

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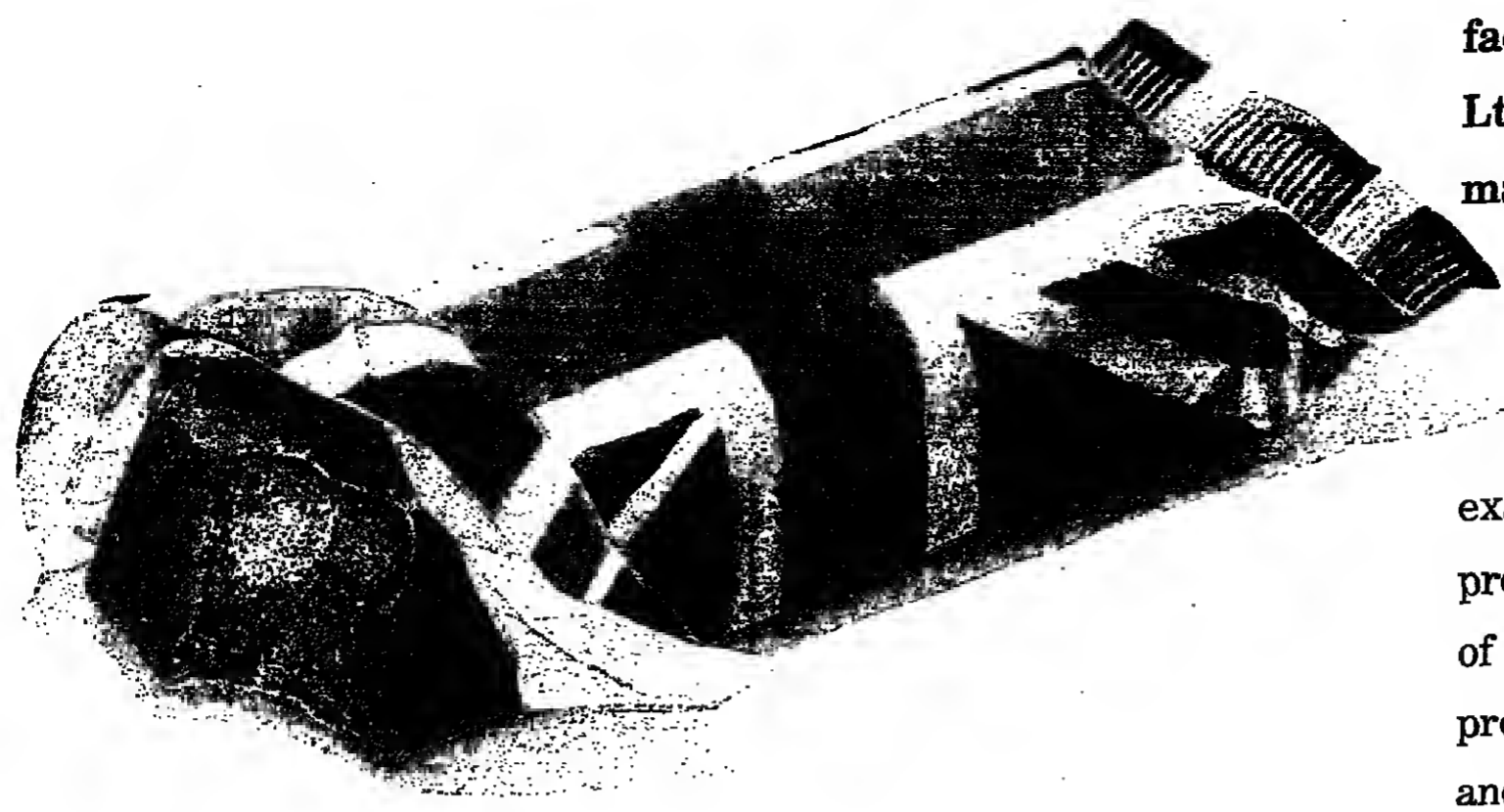
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Let us quote just one small but typical example. Crunchie bars are now cut by a high pressure jet of coconut oil. This saves 50% of the honeycomb wasted by the old cutting process. It's one of the many modernisations and rationalisations that gave us a significant increase in productivity per employee. And that provided money - money that was used to boost our marketing effort.

Profits doubled as a result.

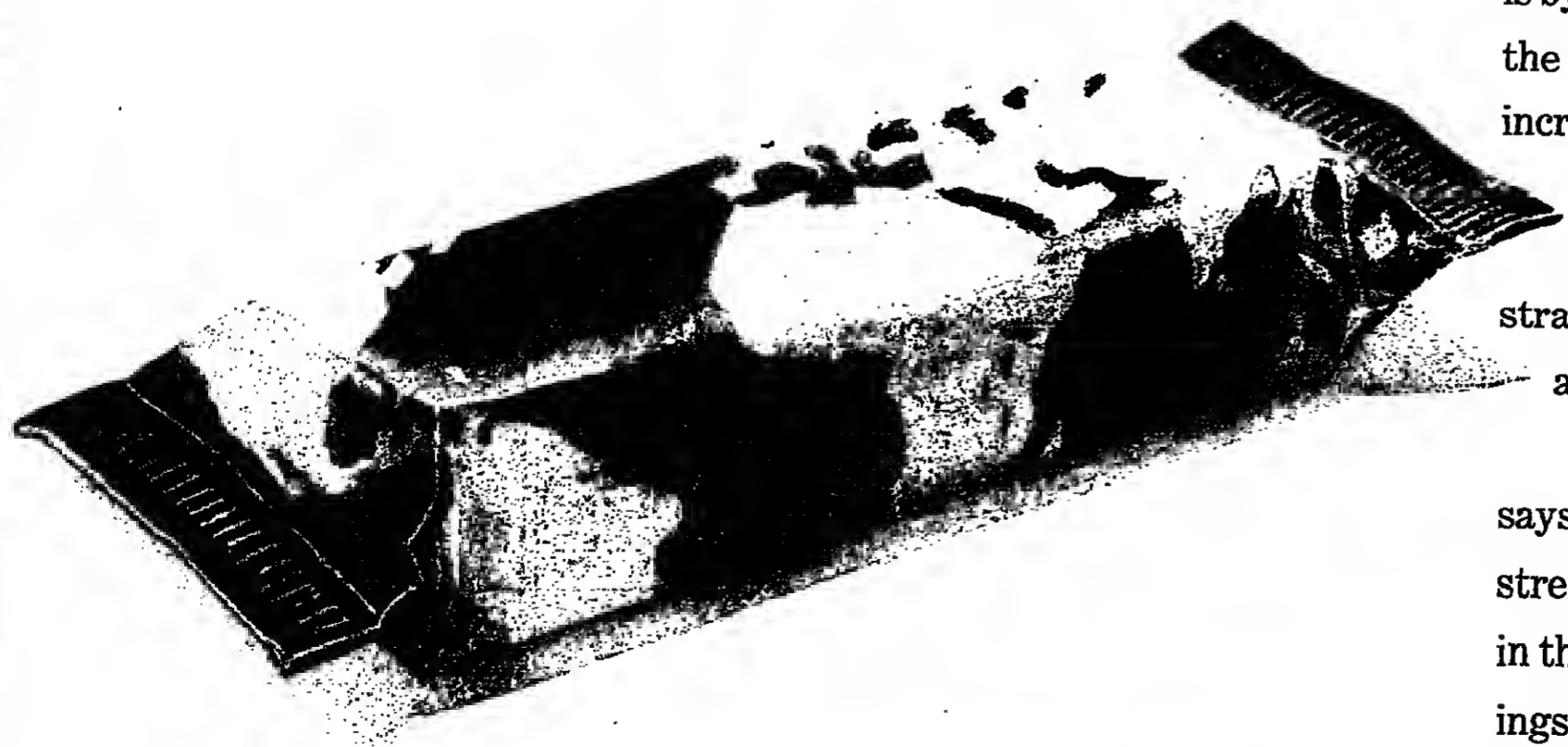


So we could capture more of the market we increased our advertising "share of voice" in the sector. In 1987 we invested £3.5 million more than the previous year.

We also embarked on a major programme of new product development. 13 brands have been launched since 1980. Biarritz and Wispa are already acknowledged confectionery classics. These moves helped increase our market share to 29% (remember, in a market as huge as this, one percentage point is worth over £20 million).

Aggressive marketing has more than doubled trading profits since 1981, reaching some £57 million in 1987. So carefully planned management is achieving exciting profit growth.

And we're not going to stop there.



The success of Cadbury Ltd. in the UK is by no means the whole story. We've applied the same principle of reducing costs and increasing marketing investment throughout the world. What's more, growth in 1988 will be further enhanced by recent strategic acquisitions in the USA, Australasia and France.

As Chief Executive Dominic Cadbury says, "The management skills which have strengthened Cadbury Schweppes' position in the market place and increased 1987 earnings per share by over 33% will ensure that we capitalise on these new opportunities for the benefit of our shareholders."

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USM REVIEW

Kitty Little banking on sweet smell for success

The sweet smell of success could mean rich pickings for the Kitty Little Group, which is due to make its formal debut on the United Securities Market next week. Kitty Little designs, manufactures and markets the practical, decorative room fresheners and fragrant gifts which have become familiar sights in most of the high street department stores and supermarket chains. Laurence Prust, the broker, is bringing the Stoke group to the USM via a placing of 2 million new shares, or 20 per cent of the enlarged share capital. The shares are expected to be placed around the 85p to 95p level, giving the group stock market price tag of about £8 million. Around £1.5 million is expected to be raised from the placing, which Mr Graham Webster, the chairman and managing director, is looking to spend on improving the group's working capital and future acquisitions.

Mr Webster says Kitty Little is a real person. She founded the skin care products business in the 70s, but moved on when Mr Webster gained control in 1980. The move to exploit the area of fragrant gift products was in the right direction. Room fresheners and fragrance gift products are a growing market and Kitty Little is the leader. It supplies all the big department store chains and food retailers, and last year exported at least 17 per cent of its sales to more than 20 countries. Its biggest customer is Boots, which accounts for 41 per cent of sales. Kitty Little has a product range of 40 items, ranging from 99p to £5.99. Mr Webster says there are another dozen products in the pipeline. A total of 4 million units were sold last year, with net margins of around 20 per cent. The group boasts a steady growth record which has seen sales since 1984 increase from £1.05 million to £4.12 million in the year in end-January. Pretax profits during that period have also advanced steadily from £140,000 to £846,000 last year, boosting earnings a share from 1.3p to 7.2p. There is no profit forecast, but with the group already enjoying average earnings growth of around 50 per cent during the past five years, it should have no difficulty in turning in pretax profits of at least £1 million in the current year. Mr Webster now hopes to build on the group's success and is looking at other areas to expand into - possibly by way of acquisition. Meanwhile, dealings will resume tomorrow in Ford Seller Morris, after its ambitious £4.6 million takeover of Centrovital, the property developer, from Singer & Friedlander. The shares, suspended at 95p, are expected to open at 115p. Analysts are looking for pretax profits of around £9 million from Ford Seller Morris.

Machine tool exports rise

Exports of machine tools have risen, although domestic sales have continued to fall, according to the Machine Tools Trade Association. Last year, British manufacturing industry bought £628 million worth of British-made machine tools compared with £727 million the year before - a fall of 13.6 per cent. Britain is the world's eighth largest producer of machine tools and the world's seventh largest market. The figures issued by the association show that it is increasing its share of EEC sales. Last year, it sold £119.5 million worth of tools to the EEC, a rise of 39 per cent. The largest increase was in Spain, where it sold £17.9 million worth, an increase of 337 per cent. The main export market was again the United States, which took £59 million worth. Imports fell in 1987 by 15 per cent to £323 million, but still took over half of the domestic market. More than a third came from West Germany, £111 million worth.

Logica to attack paperwork

By Robert Matthews Technology Correspondent

Logica, the computer software company, has been chosen as main contractor for the task of eliminating the bulk of the paperwork overwhelming the City.

The company has been given the problem by LondonClear, a consortium of 36 financial institutions, which was set up last year to automate the daily clearing and settlement of money-market instruments in the City.

The current practice of exchanging securities and payment documents by physical delivery dates back to the Victorians. As such, it cannot hope to cope with the massive volumes now passing through the City, and is holding up even greater expansion.

The new system - due to start next year - should prove a more secure way of distributing documents dealing with millions of pounds than the horde of messengers currently used.

Logica has already made a start on designing the network by concentrating on the sterling money market. The company intends that member institutions will be able to use their existing computers to take advantage of the paperless system.

Trade matching will be introduced first, followed by advisory book entry transfer and then inventory management.

LondonClear's aim is to enable settlements to be made on the same day, and to give the system the facility to cope with more currencies than just sterling.

GILT-EDGED

Market on course for the storm before the calm

Fixed interest markets are confused. They have fairly clear ideas about what is happening in the economy, but they are finding it difficult to translate those notions into a consistent pattern of price action. Although the markets acknowledge the need for a credit tightening exercise to eliminate rampant symptoms of excess demand, they are being distracted by the strength of sterling. They are accordingly, in two minds about the outlook for rates. The confusion has not been lessened by the fact that the authorities (the Bank and the Treasury) are divided on the issue, and seem to be swinging from one policy prescription to another. In fact, the fundamental situation is relatively easy to analyse. The background is provided by a monetary environment which has been recklessly expansive for a number of years, and which has produced a pace of economic growth which is unsustainable. It has already taken the unemployment rate down sharply, it has caused the external accounts to dip into the red, and it threatens to cause an inflationary lift-off. The straightforward policy response to this situation is a tightening of credit. It is a policy which will lift interest rates, as the demand for borrowing bumps up against a declining availability, but that is a largely desirable corollary. The private sector needs to reduce its credit-fueled spending, and the interest rate is the best mechanism for transmitting that message. Sterling will also rise, but that is not something to be squeamish about. The stronger pound will make local industry less competitive, but it is the loss of competitiveness which will cause the industrialist to be more conscious of his cost structures. It has been his irresponsible attitude to pay settlements that is the immediate cause of anxiety on the inflation front; it is the intensified threat of overseas competition that will bring him back into line. Nor will the stronger pound hurt the balance of payments. On the contrary, because the pace of inflation is moderating, the demand for imports will subside and the capacity to export will rise. It is possible, in fact, that the monthly returns undergo a sizeable improvement during the remainder of 1988, at the very time that the pound continues its rise. In this environment, the near-term outlook for the gilt market is somewhat bleak, although later it becomes fairly satisfactory. Initially, there will be pain as interest rates rise, but as the economic fundamentals justify a monetary relaxation, there will be a measure of joy. The alternative policy prescription yields a reversal of the phases of price action for the gilt market. If the authorities should succumb to the Treasury/CBI lobby and reduce interest rates now, the immediate implications for bonds might be satisfactory, but the more distant ones would be awful. Encouraging still faster rates of economic growth, there would be a quickening of inflationary pressures and an intensified deterioration in the trade returns. Confidence in the London market would be undermined, and the extent of the money squeeze ultimately required to correct the distortions would be horribly severe. If this analysis is correct, the recent reductions in interest rates are somewhat anomalous. They may have sent out the wrong economic signals, but they were designed principally for a political audience. The next few weeks will provide a test for this thesis. If the dollar regains some stability, the reaction of the authorities will be revealing. If our interest rates rise again, and if sterling climbs to a way which makes the CBI squeal, we will clearly be back on track. Long gilt yields will head towards 10 per cent by autumn, but will be in a position to rally thereafter. Gilt prices are unlikely to rise in a straight line - the probability of a US credit squeeze as soon as the election is past is a complicating factor - but the upside potential will be substantial. From next February, however, we could well see a projected advance extending into 1990. The conjunction of low inflation, an external surplus and a negative PSBR will provide the fundamentals, and the availability of foreign money the catalyst. By then, Japanese disenchantment with American bonds might have reached crisis point and a significant proportion of their cash flow could cascade into London. It is only when the money inflows coincide with a phase of sluggish economic growth and with a (relatively) cloudless inflationary sky, that the authorities feel free to drop interest rates aggressively to fend off the inflows. That was what happened in 1977 and in the early 1980s. Both occasions produced impressive advances in the gilt market, and a similar process is promised for much of 1989 and 1990. We are, however, still some months away from the start of the process. Roger Nightingale Group economist Smith New Court

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table with columns for Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Other Sterling Rates, and Dollar Spot Rates. Includes data for various currencies like New York, London, and others.

MONEY MARKETS

Table with columns for Treasury Bills, Euro Money Deposits, and other financial metrics. Includes data for various denominations and maturities.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interims: Allied London Properties, Cosh (expected April 26), Equity & Law International Funds, Hawthorn Leslie, S Lyles, Rosehaugh, Final: Albany Investment Trust, Davies & Newman, Fedex Agricultural Industries, Futura Holdings, How Group, London American Ventures Trust (expected April 26), RKF Group, Tarmac (expected April 26), United Friendly Insurance. TOMORROW - Interims: Casket, FIVE Oaks Investments, Majedie, Scottish Metropolitan Property, Scottish National Trust, Final: BDA Holdings, CI Group, Deucora, FRU Group, Joseph Holt, Lanca, Plumb Holdings, Ratners Group, Scott & Robertson, Trietax, Walker Greenbank, Ward Group. WEDNESDAY - Interims: Clydesdale Investment Trust (expected April 28), Framlington Overseas Income and Growth Fund, Hatfield Estates, Jessups, Tate & Lyle (expected April 28), Final: Downiebrae Holdings, Ellis & Goldstein, Elswick, Fosco Mizsep, Cecil Gee, Ronald Martin Groome, Nurdin & Peacock, S&K Stores, Shiloh, Smaller Companies International Trust, JO Walker. THURSDAY - Interims: Bellway, CDCF Trust (expected April 29), DAKS Simpson Group, Ensign Trust (expected April 29), JH Fenner, MJ Gleason, Imperial Chemical Industries (first quarter), UK Land, Final: James Beattie, British & Commonwealth Holdings, Horace Clarkson, Eagle Trust (amended), Micro Focus Group, Mining & Allied Services, Molybz, Scottish Mortgage & Trust, SKF, HC Stingsby, Windsmoor. FRIDAY - Interims: Chemoxy International, Albert Fisher, London Entertainments, Philips' Lamps, Royal Trust Yen Bond Fund, Final: Clayton, Son & Co, Desondron International.

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Move against Dunwoody's two-day ban

Richard Dunwoody has been suspended for two days (from May 2) for excessive use of the whip on Cransha on Tuesday's Midlands National at Uttoxeter...

Course specialists

Table with columns for Trainers, Jockeys, and race details. Includes names like H Cecil, M Roberts, and race numbers.

Wolverhampton

Table with columns for Selections, By Our Newmarket Correspondent, and race details. Includes names like 2.30 Valdemos, 3.00 Thatched Court.

Guide to our in-line racecard

Table with columns for race number, name, and details. Includes 105 (12) 0-432 GOOD TIMES 7 (D.F.S.) G O Robinson B Half 9-10-0.

Champion trainers

Table with columns for Flat Trainers, NH Trainers, Jockeys, and Race Results. Includes names like C Brian, M Pipe, and race numbers.

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Advertisement for Racephone Results, featuring phone numbers 0898444400 and 0898444455.

Shelford threat final ban

Two penalties from Shelford... Two penalties from Shelford... Two penalties from Shelford...

A triumph of Celtic's history and values

The sense of occasion at Parkhead on Saturday was intoxicating... A triumph of Celtic's history and values... By Roddy Forsyth

Champions for all seasons

The Anfield gates were locked more than an hour before the kick-off... Champions for all seasons... By Stuart Jones



Title shot: Beardsley scores the winner to signal the start of coronation festivities for Liverpool

Casualty figures provide grounds for poor prognosis

The casualty department at nearby St George's Hospital... Casualty figures provide grounds for poor prognosis... By Clive White

Architect is tactician

Architect is tactician... James Cape... The architect's tactical approach to the game...

Emley hopes founder with Codd's last gasp

The 15,146 crowd had played constructive and intelligent football throughout... Emley hopes founder with Codd's last gasp... By Paul Newman

Portsmouth's cruel penalty

By his standards, Alan Ball was unusually reticent on Saturday... Portsmouth's cruel penalty... By Nicholas Hartling

Endeavour replaces finesse

Long coming, Mariner had just struck an upright when Quiroz poked in Swain's short cross... Endeavour replaces finesse... By Dennis Stry

West Ham United

John Sillett, the manager of Coventry City, these rusticated escapologists of recent years, joined the mourning chorus of critics pinpointing the fact of desperation has replaced style... West Ham United... By Dennis Stry

Barclays League

Liverpool 2 Newcastle 0... Arsenal (at Wembley) 2 Luton 1... Barclays League... By Dennis Stry

GM Vauxhall Conference

Albion 5 Weymouth 0... GM Vauxhall Conference... By Dennis Stry

Hockey

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A large table containing weekend football results and tables for various leagues, including the Second, Third, and Fourth Divisions, and the Fine Fare Scottish League Premier Division. It includes columns for teams, goals, and league positions.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

A table listing today's fixtures for various football leagues, including the Premier League, Second Division, and others, with columns for time and teams.

